



# Department of Defense **DIRECTIVE**

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ASD (RA)

**SUBJECT:** Equipping the Reserve Forces

References: (a) DoD Directive 1225.6, "Equipping the Reserve Forces," November 2, 1992 (hereby canceled)  
(b) Sections 153, 163, 12301, 12302, 12304, 18501, and 18502 of title 10, United States Code  
(c) DoD Directive 5000.1, "The Defense Acquisition System," May 12, 2003

## 1. REISSUANCE AND PURPOSE

This Directive reissues reference (a) and updates policies and responsibilities for procuring and distributing items of new and combat-serviceable equipment to the Reserve components of the Armed Forces in accordance with references (b) and (c).

## 2. APPLICABILITY

This Directive applies to the Office of the Secretary of Defense, the Military Departments, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, the Defense Agencies, the DoD Field Activities, and all other organizational entities in the Department of Defense (hereafter referred to as the "DoD Components").

## 3. POLICY

It is DoD policy that:

3.1. The Reserve components of each Military Department shall be equipped to accomplish all assigned missions and shall have an equipment procurement and distribution program that is responsive to the Combatant Commanders' mission requirements and sustainable on those joint and other missions, including homeland defense. The Department of Defense's goal is to fill the mission equipment requirements of the Reserve components in

accordance with the Total Force Policy.

3.2. The priority for the distribution of new and combat serviceable equipment, with associated support and test equipment, shall be given to units scheduled for mission deployment and/or employment first, regardless of Component. Equipment priorities for Ready Reserve units shall be established by applying the same methodology as used for Regular units having the same mission requirements.

3.3. Equipment priorities for the reconstitution of force capabilities after contingency operations and/or resetting of the force into a revised force structure to meet future mission requirements shall be in accordance with established joint priorities, regardless of Component. Sufficient equipment must be available to support the annual training readiness requirements of each Reserve component unit and its personnel. This equipment does not need to be assigned to the unit using it for annual training readiness.

3.4. Proposals for withdrawals, diversions, or reductions of any equipment from the Reserve components, together with a projected equipment replacement plan for the removed equipment and supplies, shall be submitted for approval after coordination with the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, through the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs (ASD(RA)), to the Secretary of Defense. Proposals for removed equipment and supplies are not required with transfers in support of force restructuring adopted as a result of Planning, Programming, Budgeting and Execution (PPBE) process decisions approved by the Secretary of Defense. Coordination is also required with the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict) (ASD(SOLIC)) and Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense (ASD(HD)) for Ready Reserves falling under the oversight of these Assistant Secretaries. Temporary withdrawals or loans in excess of 90 days also fall within this approval requirement. Conditions requiring the Secretary of Defense approval include:

3.4.1. Reassignment to the Regular units or other governmental departments.

3.4.2. Transfer to other countries to satisfy United States Security Assistance Program requirements.

3.4.3. Transfer incidental to a force restructuring that was not previously approved by the Secretary of Defense.

3.5. Once Ready Reserve units are ordered to active duty (mobilized) in accordance with Sections 12301, 12302, and 12304 of title 10 United States Code (U.S.C.) (reference (b)), approval to withdraw or divert equipment from other Ready Reserve units to meet mission requirements of the mobilized units, as well as regular units supporting the same mission, may be delegated to the Secretaries of the Military Departments, who may then sub-delegate that authority for the duration of the call-up or mobilization. Requests for the delegation of authority for all withdrawals or diversions shall be forwarded for approval, after coordination with the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, through the ASD(RA) who shall coordinate with the ASD(SOLIC) and ASD (HD) for Ready Reserve units falling under

their oversight, prior to submission to the Secretary of Defense. The Secretaries of the Military Departments shall provide status reports on equipment withdrawn and diverted under delegated authority to the ASD(RA) within 90 days of the withdrawal or diversion. The status report must address plans to replace the equipment in the units from which it was withdrawn or diverted and to provide training sets of equipment to support annual training readiness requirements. If the equipment is to remain in the theater of operations, then the status report must address plans to replace the equipment in units returning home to ensure readiness training. The status report shall provide a signed copy of the Memorandum of Agreement between the Active and Reserve components to include how the transfer of equipment will be tracked and when the equipment will be returned to the original Component.

#### 4. RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1. The Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs, under the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, in coordination with the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict) and the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense, under the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, for Ready Reserve units under their oversight, shall monitor the equipment status of the Reserve components to ensure that equipment distribution policies implemented by the Military Departments meet statutory requirements and DoD guidance.

4.2. The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff shall:

4.2.1. Advise the Secretary of Defense on the priorities of the requirements for Reserve component equipment and logistics support as identified by the Combatant Commanders.

4.2.2. Advise the Secretary of Defense on the extent to which Departmental program and budget proposals concerning Reserve component equipment and logistics support meet the requirements and resource needs of the Combatant Commanders.

4.2.3. Subject to the authority, direction, and control of the Secretary of Defense, submit alternative program and budget proposals to achieve greater conformance with the priorities of the Combatant Commanders.

4.3. The Secretaries of the Military Departments, along with the Combatant Commanders and the Directors of Defense Agencies, as applicable, shall:

4.3.1. Consult with the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and as appropriate, obtain the guidance and approval of the Secretary of Defense, to procure, distribute, store, and maintain sufficient equipment and provide required logistics support to enable all units and/or attached Reserve members in the Ready Reserve under their jurisdiction to satisfy training, operational requirements, and mobilization readiness based on plans and programs approved through the PPBE process. Logistics support plans for new and/or redistributed

equipment must anticipate the needs of the Reserve components and recognize those needs for sustainment throughout equipment life cycles.

4.3.2. Secretaries of the Military Departments shall provide the personnel, equipment, facilities, and other general logistic support necessary to enable all units and Reserves in the Ready Reserve under their jurisdiction to satisfy the training, operational, mobilization, and homeland defense readiness requirements for those units and Reserves as recommended by the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (see references (b) and (c)), and approved by the Secretary of Defense. The Commanders of the Combatant Commands and the Directors of Defense Agencies are likewise responsible for all attached Reserve members (i.e. Individual Mobilization Augmentees) in the Ready Reserve under their jurisdiction. Equipment authorized to Reserve component units in peacetime may not be the equipment used by those units in joint missions; therefore, the Secretaries of the Military Departments must ensure that equipment sets and/or training devices are made available to support familiarization and proficiency training for Reserve units and personnel on the equipment that they shall be expected to utilize upon mobilization.


4.3.3. Promulgate appropriate directives to implement this policy within their Department, Command, or Agency. Provide copies of their implementing directives to the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs), attention: M&F, 1500 Defense Pentagon, Room 2E217, Washington, DC 20301-1500.

4.3.4. In accordance with their promulgated directives, establish procedures and develop systems needed to identify, validate, and track Reserve component equipment requirements, on-hand and projected inventories, and funding through their PPBE procurement, distribution and sustainment processes. Ensure that these plans address replacement of missing or obsolete equipment in the Reserve components as a matter of priority consistent with overall mission requirements for the units.

4.3.5. In accordance with the priorities established for the mission requirements of the Commanders of the Combatant Commands and relevant PPBE guidance, program and budget sufficient funds to ensure that equipment shall meet availability and interoperability standards that are consistent with national security objectives and the readiness objectives of the Total Force.

## 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Directive is effective immediately.

  
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